Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, and 5-23. Please amend Claims 1 and 4. Please add new Claims 24-48. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for creating <u>a searchable index of electronic documents representing</u> an [[attribute]] <u>geographically</u> bounded network of computers comprising the steps of:

    <u>identifying content on a computer network associated with a geographically bounded region;</u>

    <u>using the geographically bounded content,</u> creating and maintaining a list of [[attribute]] <u>geographically</u> bounded electronic addresses representing a plurality of indexable electronic documents, on [[a]] <u>the</u> computer network, that are associated with the [[a]] <u>geographically</u> bounded <u>region</u> [[attribute]];

    <u>creating a searchable index of the geographically bounded content;</u>

    <u>storing the geographically bounded content and the searchable index on a tablet device; and</u>

    <u>using the tablet device, searching the searchable index of geographically bounded content and providing geographically bounded content in response to the search without accessing the computer network.</u>

    ~~identifying a plurality of computers associated with the bounded attribute;~~

    ~~in response to receiving an attribute bounded request from one of the computers, assigning one or more electronic addresses from the attribute bounded list; and~~

    ~~sending the assigned electronic address to the requesting computer, where the requesting computer processes the distributed electronic address to index one or more electronic documents that are obtained through the assigned electronic address.~~

2-3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical address selected from at least one of a group consisting of: a city, a zip code, a longitude, a latitude, an altitude, a telephone area code, an informal designation and an area relative to a location.

5-23.   (Canceled)

24.   (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the geographically bounded region is automatically generated based upon a physical location of the tablet device.

25.   (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the stored geographically bounded content is stored in a compressed form on the tablet device.

26.   (New) The method of Claim 25 wherein the tablet device connects to the computer network to update the stored geographically bounded content and check for changes to the corresponding geographically bounded content on the computer network.

27.   (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the stored geographically bounded content corresponds to information about businesses having physical locations in the geographically bounded region.

28.   (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the businesses having physical locations in the geographically bounded region are hotels, restaurants, casinos, or retail shops.

29.   (New) The method of Claim 1 further including:
            in response to a geographically bounded search request for information on the computer network about businesses physically located near the physical location of the tablet device, searching the searchable index of geographically bounded content; and
            filtering results of the geographically bounded search request for information about businesses physically located near a physical location of the tablet device.

30.   (New) The method of Claim 29 wherein filtering results of the geographically bounded search request further includes restricting the results of the search request to information about businesses that correspond to at least one of: arts, entertainment, hotels, restaurants, casinos, or retail shops.

31.   (New) The method of Claim 29 wherein filtering the geographically bounded search results further includes representing at least a portion of the geographically bounded search results using icons on a geographic map, which is displayed on an interface of the tablet device, where a respective electronic document from the geographically bounded search results is represented as an icon on the geographic map.

32.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein the location of the icon on the geographic map tablet device interface is based on a physical location of a business associated with the respective electronic document from the geographically bounded search results.

33.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein filtering the geographically bounded search results further includes restricting the results of the search request such that only information about businesses accepting credit cards are displayed on the tablet device interface.

34.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein filtering the geographically bounded search results further includes restricting the results of the search request such that only information about businesses that belong to the Better Business Bureau are displayed on the tablet device interface.

35.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein filtering the geographically bounded search results further includes restricting the results of the search request such that only information about businesses that are handicap accessible are displayed on the tablet device interface.

36.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein filtering the geographically bounded search results further includes restricting the results of the search request such that only information about businesses offering coupons are displayed on the tablet device interface.

37.   (New) The method of Claim 31 wherein providing geographically bounded content in response to the search without access the computer network further includes displaying advertisements on an interface of the tablet device for businesses that are within a travelling distance of a physical location of the tablet device.

38.   (New) The method of Claim 37 wherein in response to an advertisement being displayed, incrementing a counter on the tablet device to indicate that the advertisement has been viewed.

39.   (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the counter collects information about the number of times the advertisement is clicked on.

40.   (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the counter is used for time sensitive advertisements.

41.   (New) The method of Claim 40 wherein the counter allows displayed advertisements to expire.

42.   (New) The method of Claim 1 further includes:

       if a business in the geographically bounded region does not have an electronic document on the computer network, creating an electronic document for the business; and

       storing the created electronic document for the business in the searchable index of geographically bounded content.

43.   (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

44.   (New) The method of Claim 43 wherein the electronic document address is a URL address.

45.   (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein each geographically bounded electronic document is verified by verifying the association of the URL addresses with the geographically bounded region.

46.   (New) The method of Claim 1 further includes updating the geographically bounded searchable index by enabling another storage device associated with an overlapping geographically bounded region to share updated indices of geographically bounded web content.

47.   (New) A storage device providing a searchable index of electronic documents representing a geographically bounded region comprising:

        a memory storing electronic documents associated with a geographically bounded region, the geographically bounded electronic documents being obtained from a computer network; and

        a searchable index of geographically bounded content stored in the memory, where the searchable index of geographically bounded content is searchable offline without accessing a computer network.

48.   (New) A method of creating a searchable index of electronic documents representing a geographically bounded region comprising:

        identifying electronic content on a computer network associated with a geographically bounded region;

        using the geographically bounded content, creating a searchable index of the geographically bounded content,

        storing the geographically bounded content and the searchable index on a tablet device; and

using the tablet device, searching the searchable index of geographically bounded content and providing content based on the search without accessing a computer network.